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NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on WEDNESDAY, the 30TH MARCH, 1898, at 6 P.M., for the purpose set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 19, 1898. 685

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given that a Second Final Return of Capital, amounting to $2.75 PER SHARE, has been declared in this matter.

Upon delivery of Scrip to the LIQUIDATOR for Cancellation at his OFFICE on or after the 31st Instant, each SHAREHOLDER will receive an Order on the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION in full Settlement of his CLAIM against the Company.

SHAREHOLDERS who have not Collected yet the First Return of Capital, amounting to $7.50 per SHARE, Declared on the 31st August, 1894 are requested to do so without further delay to enable the final winding-up of this Company.

J. GOOSMANN,
Liquidator,
C/o of Messrs. MELCHERS & Co.,
Praya Central.
Hongkong, March 8, 1898. 503

NOTICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

AMERICAN CITIZENS residing in the CONSULAR DISTRICT OF CANTON, which includes SAMSHUI, WUCHOW, MACAO, SWATOW, HOIHOW and PAKHOI, are REQUESTED to REGISTER at this CONSULATE either Personally or by Certificate setting forth the Date and Place of Birth and last Residence in the United States.

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EDWARD BEDLOE,
U. S. Consul.
UNITED STATES CONSULATE,
Canton, China, 1st Feb., 1893. 358

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LONDON	*Borneo*	F. O. A. LYON, R.N.R.	About 2nd April.
N'SAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA	*Rosetta*	E. P. BISHOP	4 p.m., 4th April.
S'HAI, N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKO.	*Formosa*	A. G. CUBITT, R.N.R.	About 4th April.
STRAITS AND CALCUTTA	*Socotra*	J. PAINE, R.N.R.	About 6th April.
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	*Candia* †	G. K. WRIGHT, R.N.R.	About 9th April.
LONDON	*Sunda*	S. G. D. ANDREWS, R.N.R.	About 14th April.

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Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 620

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NOTICE.

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DAVID WOOD,
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Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 642

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, December 24, 1897. 2522

NOTICE.

A FAMILY going to SAN FRANCISCO by the First Steamer in April will give a European Woman First-class Accommodation and a Gratuity, for her Services as attendant during the voyage.

Apply by letter to 'R.O.,'
Care of 'China Mail' OFFICE.
Hongkong, March 25, 1898. 630

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned FIRMS have THIS DAY been Amalgamated and will in future carry on the BUSINESS under the Name and Style of SANDER, WIELER & Co.

All Assets and Liabilities of the Former Firm have been taken over by the NEW FIRM.

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THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE of 12 SHARES Numbered 4,142/4,143 and 4,569/4,578 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Mrs. GUADALUPE ROCHA having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 12 SHARES will be issued One Month hence and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
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All works will be under the personal supervision of Mr. HOLDSWORTH, and all Orders must be sent through the undersigned.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 302

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that at the Annual General Meeting held in London recently a Final DIVIDEND of 3 PER CENT. was Declared on the Company's Preference SHARES for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1897, making 6 PER CENT. in all. A DIVIDEND of 5 PER CENT. for the same year was also Declared on the Company's Ordinary Shares.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on the 1st Proximo.

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P. DE S. BURNEY, Capt. R.A.,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 29, 1898. 647

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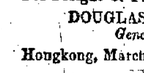


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Hongkong, March 29, 1898. 645

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, March 29, 1898 569

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TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY) and TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),

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HARRY LYONS, *Agent.*
Hongkong, March 29, 1898. 648

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Australian Ports	Montmuir (s).....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	April 9, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Bayern (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Mar. 30, at 9 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama...	Kiwachi Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 7, at 4 p.m.
Kobe and Yokohama...	Matsuyama Maru (s)...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 14, at 4 p.m.
London, v. Suez Canal	Dardanus (s)...	Butterfield & Swire...	April 4, at noon.
London & Ports of Call	Thames (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	April 2, at noon.
London	Borneo (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About April 2.
London	Sunda (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About April 14.
Marseilles v. Saigon...	Melbourne (s).....	Messageries Maritime	April 9, at noon.
Moeilles, London, &c.	Tamba Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	pril 28, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yma	Rosetta (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	April 4, at 4 p.m.
Naiki, Kobi & Ythama	Sandia (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About April 9.
New York, v. Suez Can.	Benalder (s).....	Shewan, Tomes & Co	About April 5.
New York, v. Suez Can.	Lennox (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	About April 16.
Portland, Oregon	Argyll (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	May 3, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Gaelic (s).....	O. & O. S. S. Co....	Mar. 31, at noon.
S. Francisco v. Japan	City of Peking (s)...	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	April 9, at noon.
San Francisco.....	West York	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Quick despatch.
San Francisco.....	Imberhorne.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.....	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	April 2, at 5 p.m.
Shai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Formosa (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About April 4.
Sp're, Havre & H'burg	Ceres (s)	Siemssen & Co.....	April 2, at 5 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta.....	Spentra (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About April 6.
Stow, Amoy & F'chow	Thales (s).....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	April 1, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & T'sui	Formosa (s).....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Mar. 31, daylight.
Sydney & Melbourne.	Tokio Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 1, at 4 p.m.
Sydney v. Thursday Is.	Jacob Christensen (s)	Geo. R. Stevens.....	April 7, at 3 p.m.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c...	Columbia (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	April 5, at noon.
Tientsin.....	Kaifong (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Mar. 31, at 3 p.m.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of China (s..	Canadian P'ic R. Co.	April 6, at noon.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 29.

Bayern, German str., 5,34[illegible], Eduard Prehn, Shanghai March 26, Mails and General.—MELCHERS & Co.

Wosang, British steamer, 1,127, Roope, Tientsin via Chefoo March 23, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hsin Chi, Chinese str., 1,065, Patterson, Tientsin March 23, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Hinsang, British steamer, 1,536, M. Crockett, Moji March 24, Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Sabine Rickmers, German steamer, 598, J. Sanders, Foochow March 27, Ballast.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Rio, German str., 1,169, C. Christensen, Saigon March 24, Rice.—JENSEN & Co.

Phra Chula Chom Klao, British steamer, 1,012, B. Pigot, Bangkok and Koh-si-chang March 22, Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Tokio Maru, Japanese str., 1,360, E. W. Maxwell, Yokohama March 17, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Benglo, British steamer, 1,970, A. W. S. Thomson, London February 4, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Formosa, British steamer, 674, Douglas, Tamsui March 26, and Amoy 28, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

DEPARTURES

March 29.

Propontis, for Kobe.
Hailoong, for Swatow.
Hansa, for Saigon.
Gefion, German cruiser, for a cruise.
Rinaldo, British cruiser, for Nagasaki.
Mogul, for Moji.
Yuensang, for Manila.
Pronto, for Kobe.
Chunshan, for Bangkok.
Saigang, for Singapore.
Tritos, for Saigon.
Hsin Chi, for Canton.
Wosang, for Canton.
Edgar, British cruiser, for Nagasaki.
Yamatshiro Maru, for Nagasaki, &c.

CLEARED.

Else, for Bangkok.
Tai Fu, for Kobe.
Mongkut, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Bayern* for Hongkong: from Shanghai, Miss Ransome, Messrs F. Kemmerzell, R. M. Gray, P. Sachse, J. R. Michael, C. Sackermann, F. R. Silva, M. Oppel and J. Jamieson, and 20 Chinese; for Europe, Mrs Singewald, Mr T. Rüsh, Mrs McFarlane, children and servant, Mrs Gardner and child, Mr and Mrs Carson, Mrs Ballard, children and servant, Mrs T. W. Andrews, Miss Tucker, Mr A. McLachlan, Mrs McKelvei and children, Mrs F. Stanley and child, Mrs F. Ross and children, Mr Joh. Tyen, Mr M. N. Vaktorin, Lieut. Troelinsky, Mr and Mrs Vela and Mr G. Dubberke.

Per *P. C. C. Klao* from Bangkok, &c., Mrs Geblun and child, Miss Robinson, Miss Carver, Miss Worley and 320 Chinese.

Per *Tokio Maru,* from Yokohama, Mrs Hearne and 5 children, Messrs C. Bill, W. Teale, Philip Loudon, Fukuba, Kaneman and Todoroki.

Per *Formosa,* from Tamsui, Messrs Farrow and Kinghorn, and 9 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Suisang,* for Singapore 973 Chinese.
Per *Chunshan,* for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.
Per *Yuensang,* for Manila, 3 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Wosang* reports: From Tientsin to Chefoo strong northerly winds and smooth sea, from Chefoo to Hongkong moderate cloudy weather, fresh N.E. winds and light Easterly sea.

The British steamer *Renglee* reports: Moderate and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Sabine Rickmers,* at 8.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 30th March.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Hongkong,* at 9.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 30th March.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, & MELBOURNE.—
Per *Taiyuan,* Registration at 1 p.m., Letters at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, the 30th March.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.—
Per *Formosa,* at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 30th March.

For WUCHOW.—
Per *Lee On,* at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 30th March.

For TIENTSIN.—
Per *Kaifong,* at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st March.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Thales,* at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 31st March.

For THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
Per *Tokio Maru,* Registration at 2 p.m., Letters, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 1st April.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—
Per *Chaysang,* at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 1st April.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Verona,* Registration at 3.45 p.m., Letters at 4 p.m., on Saturday, the 2nd April. (Late Letters 4.10 to 4.30 p.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Rosetta,* at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 4th April.

For MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.—
Per *Columbia,* at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 5th April.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.—
The German Contract Packet *Bayern* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 30th March, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi;* to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c.

Registry ceases at 7.30 a.m.
The mail closes at 8 a.m. Late Letters 8.10 to 8.30 a.m., with 10 cents extra postage.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *Gaelic* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 1st April, with Mails for Amoy, Shanghai, Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10 A.M. Registry ceases.
11 A.M. Post Office closes.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY Co.'s PACKET.—
The Canadian Pacific Mail Packet *Empress of China* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 6th April, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canada, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

1.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
11.00 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, *with the Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage,* until the time of departure.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.

When the Packets leave at Noon.—

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The Money Order Office, will be closed at 5 the day before.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way).
10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.
10.30 A.M.—Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns ceases.
11.00 A.M.—Mail closes.
☞ LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) *with 10 cents late fee* up to 11.30 A.M., after which hour they may be sent on Board with the same Late Fee.

REGISTRATION.—Correspondence can be registered for all Private Ship mails up to five minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour before; for Indian, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails up to half an hour before.

MONEY LETTERS.—The Post Office decline all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, coin, or jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, Par 30)

LOCAL DELIVERIES.—Separate Boxes have been provided for posting Correspondence for the Town, Kowloon and the Peak. The Boxes are under the Window at the East end of the Verandah facing Queen's Road.

Letters, &c., for the Peak will be delivered by the 12 and 5.30 o'clock trams only. Correspondence and Parcels for the Peak may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 3 p.m. or in the letter boxes in the cars till time of departure. With regard to letters from the Peak, Pillar boxes have been placed at Magazine Gap, Victoria Gap, Mount Kellett, Mount Gough, and Plantation Road, which will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

Letters, parcels, &c., for Kowloon Point and Steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Letters *from* Kowloon Point may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Compound outside the Charge Room up to 12 and 6 o'clock, and in the Pillar Box at the Wharf. Local Rates will be charged. To avoid robbery, senders of letters *from* Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word *stamped* across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c., should be registered. No Sunday delivery.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

9 a.m.—German Mail Steamer leaves for Bremen and Ports of Call.

3 p.m.—*Taiyuan* leaves for Australian Ports.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at the Residence of A. Rose, Esq., 2 and 3, Cameron Villas, the Peak.

Meeting.

6 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Kanagawa Maru* unclaimed after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 31:—
9 p.m.—Brough Comedy Co. at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, April 1:—
Dividend Warrants of the China Mutual Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., ready.

SATURDAY, April 2:—
Carl Hertz in the City Hall.

MONDAY, April 4:—
Goods per *Salazie* unclaimed after this date at Noon subject to rent.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Mar. 29, 1898

OPIUM—New Patna, cash, ...		700
" Old " cash,		710
" New Benares, cash,		695
" Old " cash,...		700
" New Malwa, credit,		857/860
" Allowance Taels,...		0/20
" Last Year, ...		—
" Allowance, Taels....		—
" Old Malwa credit,...		891/950
" Allowance. Taels....		0/3
" Persian, Oily, cash...		—
" Allowance, Taels,...		—
" Persian, Paper tied		650/660
" Allowance Taels....		nil.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, March 29, 1898.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	...1,1 1/2
" On demand, ...	...1/10 3/4 d
" 30 days' sight, ...	...1/10 1/4
" 4 months' sight, ...	...1/10 5/8 d
Credits, 4 " "	...1/10 1/2
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	...1/10 3/8
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	... 2.33
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	... 2.37 1/2
On Berlin—Demand,...	... 188 1/2
On New York—	
On demand, ...	... 44 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight,... ...	... 45 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	... 140
On demand, ...	... 140 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	... 140
On demand, ...	... 140 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	1 1/2 % pm.
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	3 1/2 % pm.
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	... 74 1/2
30 days' sight, (private paper)	... 75 1/4
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On demand, ...	84 % pm.
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Silver (per oz.)	...95 15/16



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BIRTH.

On the 12th Feb., at Berlin, the Wife of EMIL REHDERS, of twins (boys).

MARRIAGES.

On the 10th March, at the Chapel of the British Embassy, Vienna, by the Rev. Canon Teignmouth Shore, Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, assisted by the Rev. W. H. HECHLER, Chaplain to the Embassy, EFFIE, widow of MAJOR WALLACE CARPENTER (7th Fusiliers), to BARON HEINRICH von SIEBOLD, Austrian Diplomatic Service, of Schoss Freudenstein, Tyrol.

On the 19th March, at Christ Church, Yokohama, by the Rev. E. Champneys Irwine, M.A., Rector, THOS. WALLACE, fourth son of the late Rev. John MCILRAITH, M.A., of Erskine, Renfrewshire, N.B., to EDITH HELEN EMMA, fourth Daughter of A. T. WATSON, Esq., Yokohama.

DEATH.

At Devonport, England, on the 7th Feb., EDWARD CHARLES PAIN, (H. E. Paine) late of I. M. Customs, China, aged 49 years.

☞ *The publication of this issue commenced at 5.40 p.m.*

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1898.

THE COMING PARTITION OF CHINA.

We should also acquire by treaty with China, or by force, as circumstances may permit or compel us, Chusan Island and its dependencies, whence we could defend our large established trade and divers interests in the Yangtse-kiang and Shanghai district. Indeed we have a better right to these islands than any other foreign nation, inasmuch as they were once actually in our possession. Under the Convention of 1846, concluded at Bocca Tigris by Sir John Davis, Governor of Hongkong and Ki Ying, the Imperial High Commissioner, Great Britain agreed to evacuate Chusan on the understanding that it should never be conceded to any foreign power. It was a great mistake to have ever given up Chusan, which would then—and I hope may yet—serve as a *point d'appui* for the development and protection of our trade in and around the Northern Treaty Ports. The Convention, *per se,* quashes all claim to repossess ourselves of the island; it simply gives us a prior right in this respect over other foreigners in the event of an undisguised redistribution of power at the expense of China. We ought to see the British flag hoisted on the island in response to Russia's action at Port Arthur.

We being essentially a naval power the possession of small islands suits our purpose far better than new mainland acquisitions, with almost imaginary limits and unforeseen responsibilities for our own defence. The importance of Chusan as a commercial emporium and a naval station cannot be overestimated. There would be all the prospect of its becoming a second Hongkong, whilst, as a centre whence to keep a watchful eye on our interests and the movements of our competitors the situation would be unique.

We require, moreover, to have a station of our own still farther North within some thirty hours' steam of Port Arthur and well on the route to Peking—a strategic point for the surveillance of our German and Russian neighbours. It would enable us, too, to inaugurate a more energetic policy *à l'Allemande* in our dealings with the Chinese, for there is not the least doubt that the Oriental respects far more the master who whips him judiciously than he who fondles him. It appears to me that Woo Choo Island has all the desired conditions, situated, as it is, less than a mile off the Southern coast of Shan-tung and Kiang-Su Provinces. We ought to strike the iron whilst it is hot, for this chance of securing the future for British interests may not recur just when the vital importance of it is undeniably manifest to all the world. Cabinet Ministers in their recess speeches have alluded to China as 'the most hopeful place of the future for the commerce of our country.' I believe it. China is not a newly-explored tract where the pioneer has to create a market and then barter in it. We are likely to see in the present generation railroads traversing the vast territories inhabited by four hundred millions of souls, and the ports opened to foreigners doubled in number. It is our mission to secure the absolute freedom of these ports. There is no sign that we shall ever have the willing co-operation of the Chinese official class, who look down with a sort of contempt on *Fan Kwei* and native traders alike, but if one can cajole or coerce them into countenancing that most civilising factor—railroads—commercial conquest will pacifically follow.

In the task before us we can afford to regard France as a *quantité négligeable,* for already the day of awakening seems to have dawned upon many of her brightest intellects, who realise that their country is but the dupe of the Great Bear. So far, France has gained nothing by her alliance with Russia but flattery to her vanity. She would, perchance, be willing to renounce her caprice, but for the political consequences at home after all the jubilant clamour and mutual patting on the back. From *The Times* of the 10th February, we learnt that the French *Chargé d'Affaires,* following suit to Germany, had put in a claim to the Chinese Government to be admitted within eight days with the alternative of French action in the South. Following so quickly on the German move, the Chinese Government were sagacious enough to promptly accede to the demand for an indemnity of 100,000 francs for the kidnapping of a Frenchman on the Tonkin border, and encroachments by France have thus been arrested for the moment. With such a bad excuse for seizure of territory, the loss to France of prestige at the Tsung-li Yamên probably outweighs the value of the money compensation. For some time past, France has been supposed to have an eye on Yunnan and also the Island of Hainan. The occupation of Yunnan would certainly bring us the disadvantage of a possible future big frontier question, as knotty as the Mekong dispute, seeing that Yunnan borders on the East of Burmah. Hainan would almost surely result more expensive than profitable. We may assume that Yunnan and Hainan would be administrated on the same principles as French Cochin-China, Annam and Tonkin, where trade is stultified by enormously high customs dues and prohibitive tariffs. French imports at Saigon have a preferential tariff, but still so high that European goods are a positive luxury in Annam. Under more liberal regulations, these French Colonies might afford a magnificent market for European manufactures, vastly increase the wealth of the territory and give a good yield to the mother country. The trade advantages could not fail to become more cosmopolitan, for residents in Annam have assured me that even with the preferential tariff they are unable to exclude our Manchester goods. Foreign Joint Stock Companies are not allowed to establish themselves in Tonkin. They must become French companies with a preponderance of French influence therein, and be officially represented at Paris. Many individual foreigners and foreign private firms are located there and in Annam. Indeed, at the large town of Cholon, up the Saigon River, it seemed to me that the only European-promoted industry was rice-milling, which is chiefly in the hands of Germans. The Chinese hold most of the small trade, and in Saigon itself the open French establishments are chiefly cafés, hotels and restaurants. If future French Colonies are to be administrated on the same basis as the present ones, they are more likely to become districts blotted out of the Commercial map than fields for enterprise. Politically considered, French colonization and conquest still savour too much of 'glory'; when the more practical trade question comes to the fore, it is resolved on the 'dog-in-the-manger' principle of rendering trade with the mother country unprofitable by prohibitive tariffs and shutting out foreigners by stratagems possible. In open competition, the French are nowhere. In the China Treaty Ports their trade is comparatively small; in Hongkong almost nought. In the Canton River, they shared with us and the United States the Shameen Concession. Next to useless to them for years, they finally sold their portion, whilst the British chiefly, and other foreigners in a less degree, pushed a good Canton trade from the Shameen centre. It is not our policy to waste British blood and treasure to keep the French out of Yunnan and Hainan Island. British diplomacy alone is reported to have recently stolen a march on France in securing the concession to carry on the Burmah Railway through Yunnan. In this case, we shall gain, through trade, all the practical benefits which could accrue to our neighbour with respect to the Franco-Chinese Treaty known as the Gérard Convention of 20th June, 1875. Under French rule, the Hainan port of Hoihow would probably drop into the same insignificance as Saigon and Haiphong as compared with Hongkong and Singapore. France may continue for a long time yet to play the fiddle for the Russian bear to dance, but not to the extent of supplying him with fleets and armies, for then the overshadowing storm of conscious folly would burst.

China, whose civilization is centuries older than any in Europe, seems to have glided into irretrievable decrepitude. Her scorn for the European conception of material progress has suffered no abatement through the many severe lessons she has learnt from outsiders. The Chinese Empire does not possess a single statesman who sees the necessity of going with the times. Li Hung Chang, Tseng and a few such men have perhaps understood the *façon de faire* of the outer world, without believing that the Middle Kingdom must follow suit.

Philosophically considered, it may be cruel to force China out of an isolation which she prefers to all the allurements of Western fashion. But as Europe has chosen to impose it on her, only dismemberment can follow any further resistance to the inevitable. China is as helpless as her administration is defective. She has barely the remnant of a fleet, a rabble army and an almost imperceptible vein of patriotic sentiment. Though she has ceased to be even an Asiatic power, she is still a nation and a factor not to be ignored in the political situation which is apparently drifting into one of grab. Mr George Jamieson, the Consul-General at Shanghai, is reported to have said in his speech to the China Association:—'The last thirty years in China have been, so far as Great Britain is concerned, thirty years of diplomatic failure and want of support to commercial enterprise.' My experience of China only goes over thirteen years, so I will not dispute the opinion enounced, but, if it be so, the necessity of redeeming our position is now forced upon us.

JOHN FOREMAN.

Messrs Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., publish a pamphlet, by John Dill Ross, entitled 'The Capital of a Little Empire: a Descriptive Study of a British Crown Colony in the Far East.' Residents in the Far East are now pretty well acquainted with the bright, racy tone of Mr Ross's sketches of the coast ports of China, and this publication is a reprint from the *Singapore Free Press* of his papers on Singapore and the Straits Settlements from the series of articles entitled 'From Moscow to Vladivostock.' The collection of the newspaper articles in this convenient form will no doubt be much appreciated by the many readers of Mr Ross's articles.

We have received a copy of a useful publication by Mr C. Edmonstone Ross, Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and Examiner of Accounts, P.W.D., India, entitled 'How to keep Accounts.' The book contains hints on the classification of the ordinary receipts and expenditure of a private individual, and a simple method of accounting for the same. Although the treatise deals mainly with the accounts of a private individual, it goes beyond these in explaining principles and giving instructions. In these explanations the use of technical expressions has been as far as possible avoided, and the matter is dealt with in simple language. A study of this book will show the importance of keeping accounts, the benefits to be derived therefrom, and put one in possession of the information whereby accounts can be kept with the greatest simplicity. The same author publishes a book of 'Useful Tables' based on a unit decimal system, for simplifying the calculation, in any currency, of salary or wages, at any rate, for any period, exchange, interest or, discount, percentage or value of goods.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Hosadow*, Feb. 4; *Alton*, *Latona*, *Yarrowdale*, 11; *Rose Castle*, 15; *Awda*, 18; *St. Mary*, 22; *Queen Margaret*, 25; *Ste Andrews*, March 1; *Macduff*, *Kinluck*, *Rugby*, 4; *Thekla*, 8; *Glenartney*, *Glengyle*, *Serpedon*, *Afridi*, *Croydon*, *Eiffel Tower*, *Isis*, *Wennington Hall*, 15; *Baltimouth*, *Canton*, *Merionethshire*, *Adria*, *Indus*, 18; *Ulysses*, *Bellona*, *Nedjed Nyanza*, *St. Ninian*, *Teviotdale*, 22; *Chingwo*, *Pyrrhus*, *Tantalus*, *Laos*, *Trenham*, 25

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Yarra*, *Port Adelaide*, March 8; *Hector*, *Seale*, 11; *Darmstadt*, 15; *Shanghai*, 22; *Sachsen*, *Ivera*, 25.

Mails.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *City of Peking*, with mails &c., left Shanghai for this port on Monday, the 28th March, at 1 p.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Verona*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of March 4th, left Singapore on Sunday, the 27th March, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, 2nd April. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Jan. 27th.

The Imp. German Mail s. s. *Prinz Heinrich*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 7th March, left Colombo on Friday afternoon, the 25th March, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 7th April.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 12th March.

The O. & O. s. s. *China*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 23rd March.

Steamers Expected.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Hydaspes* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd March, at 6 a.m.

The s. s. *Glenturret*, from London and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Saturday morning, the 26th March.

The O. S. S. Co.'s str. *Antenor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Friday, the 25th March, and is expected to arrive here on or about Thursday, the 31st March.

The O. S. S. Co.'s *Teneer*, from London, left Singapore on Saturday morning, the 26th March, and is expected to arrive here on or about Friday, the 1st April.

The str. *Queen Olga*, from New York, left Singapore on Saturday morning, the 26th March, and is expected to arrive here on or about Friday, the 1st April.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Kinluck*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 26th March, and may be expected here on or about the 1st April.

The C. N. Co.'s str. *Changsha*, from Australian Ports, left Port Darwin on the afternoon of the 25th March, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 3rd April.

The s. s. *Arindson—Apear*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on Saturday afternoon, the 26th March.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Formosa* left Singapore for this port on the 27th March, at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Candia* left Bombay for this port on the afternoon of the 23rd March.

The N. G. L. s. s. *Lothimbro* left Bombay for this port on the 27th March, and is due here on or about the 15th April.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Argyll* sailed from Portland for Japan and Hongkong on the 21st March.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Tacoma* sailed from Tacoma on the 13th March for Japan and Hongkong.

COMMANDER and Mme. Vela, of Shanghai, are passengers to Europe by the German mail steamer *Bayern*.

THERE were 277 European and 2,889 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum during the week ending 27th March.

WE would call the attention of pony owners to the notification which appears among the new advertisements from Capt. Burney, R.A., Hon. Secretary of the Gymkhana Committee.

A LARGE number of summonses were disposed of to-day, at the Magistracy, against person being in possession of dogs without licences, fines averaging $2 per dog being imposed by Commander Hastings.

IN the midnight attack on Singapore during the recent manœuvres, one of the local launches, containing officers and bluejackets from H.M.S. *Plover*, got ashore on a reef of St. John's Island. No serious damage was done, and the launch re-floated on the rising tide.

AT a meeting of the Singapore Municipal Council on the 16th inst., Dr Atkinson's recent remarks on the close connection between rinderpest and plague were cited by the President. Evidently, 'The Microbe's' letter which appeared in the *China Mail* criticising Dr Atkinson's remarks had escaped Mr Gentle's notice.

THE Statistical Department of the I.M. Customs publishes the *Returns of Trade and Reports for the Year 1897, Part 1.—Report for the China and Abstract of Statistics.* It contains a very careful and readable report by Mr F. E. Taylor on the Foreign Trade of China for 1897, and the usual statistics. It will be seen that the percentages of the total foreign and coast trade in 1897 were:—

British	53.27 per cent.
Chinese	34.10 "
All other flags	12.63 "

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—Batoun, H. I. C. M. S. Deutschland, H.I.G.M.S. Kaiserin Augusta, Tordenskjold, H.M.S. Whiting, Empress of China.

Aberdeen.—(None).

Cosmopolitan.—Coptic, Gaelic.

Local Composers, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, &c. Xmas 1897. Price, $1.00.—Davidson Piano Company.

* * * INTERESTING telegrams received via Australia will be found on the 5th page.

DR L. S. WILCOX, the new U.S. Consul at Hankow, arrived at Shanghai by the *Gaelic*, and will shortly proceed up river to take up the duties of his post.

THE services will learn with regret that Tom Bowling has left the British Navy, without 'going aloft;' in other and official words: 'Fleet Paymaster T. H. L. Bowling has been placed on the Retired List, at his own request, with permission to assume the rank of paymaster-in-chief.'

THE number of cases of plague reported during the twenty-four hours up till noon yesterday was 7, and 8 deaths occurred during that period, bringing up the total number of cases reported from the commencement of the year to 198, and the total number of deaths to 174. Three more cases were reported up till noon to-day, and two more deaths occurred.

THE German mail steamer *Bayern*, leaving for Europe to-morrow morning, takes Home Mr Stephen C. Michaelsen and family. Mr Michaelsen—who has retired from the firm of Messrs Melchers & Co.—may be described as one of the few fortunate residents who, at a comparatively early age, are able to go Home and settle down for good in Europe. He came to Hongkong in 1877, but having been transferred to Shanghai, he resided in the Model Settlement for ten years. Later on he assumed the management of Messrs Melchers & Co. in Hongkong, and during his stay in this Colony he has succeeded in securing the esteem and respect of everybody who had an opportunity of meeting him. Mr Michaelsen has filled the chair of several of our leading companies, and his colleagues of the Chamber of Commerce have acknowledged his valuable assistance and sound advice as a member of the Committee of that body. In 1891 Mr Michaelsen had the honour of receiving His Majesty the Czar of Russia, on tour to the Far East as the Czarovitch, and as an acknowledgement of services rendered as Russian Consul on that occasion, Mr Michaelsen was decorated with the orders of St. Stanislaus and St. Anne. Although Mr Michaelsen has not figured very prominently at our local sports, he has ever shown a keen interest in them, and when The Neighbours' *Landsknecht* won the Encouragement Stakes at last race meeting, the winner was greeted with the most hearty enthusiasm. In Shanghai, as owner of old *Oriole*, Mr Michaelsen was very successful, and his successes on the Shanghai Course will ever remain to him a pleasant remembrance. Mrs Michaelsen has also endeared herself to a large circle of friends, and the departure of this family will leave quite a gap in our social life—especially amongst the German section of our community. We express the feelings of many residents when we wish Mr and Mrs Michaelsen and family God-speed and a happy sojourn in the town of Bremen, where they intend to settle down on their arrival at Home.

AN article in a recent number of the London *Daily Mail*, by Mr H. W. Wilson, the well-known writer on naval matters, deals with Britain's next move in the Far East, in a breezy and interesting manner, and he pays a great compliment to the branch of the Navy League in Hongkong and the responsible authorities of the island who have 'besought the Government of England to wake from its Rip Van Winkle slumber.' He claims for Hongkong that it has done its duty well as a Crown Colony, and after referring to the importance of the colony as the headquarters of the British fleet, deplores the possibility of such an event as the loss of Hongkong, which, had Britain not the alliance of Japan, would render us almost powerless in the Far East. Commander Hastings and Mr H. E. Pollock have displayed a considerable amount of activity in the work of the League since its organisation, and they have persistently memorialised the Admiralty in confidential memorandums on the great dangers of the seizure of any of the numerous islets in the neighbourhood of Hongkong, or the possession of Mirs Bay by a foreign power. Mr Wilson is of opinion that the possession of Mirs Bay by a foreign power would render the harbour of Hongkong absolutely worthless from a naval point of view, and would also mean the commercial ruin of the colony. He supports the Navy League in its suggestions for the extension of the Colony, and says to do so 'Lord Salisbury has only to draw with a pencil a square enclosing Hongkong, Mirs Bay, and the adjacent islands and territories, and to say, "This is British territory." If Britain made this move, 'the Powers who now had their eyes on Mirs Bay would rub them, but would do nothing more.' There was no excuse for Government inaction, and 'to colour Mirs Bay red would cost us not a penny, and might give us a handsome profit—judging from our experience at Hongkong.' We must accept the fact that the Russians were at Port Arthur and the Germans at Kiaochao, and without unnecessary friction strive to re-establish the balance of power. Events have been moving forward rather rapidly since Mr Wilson's remarks were published. The necessity now is, of course, more urgent than ever that the Kowloon frontier should be set right. Were Wei-hei-wai, Ta-lien-wan, and Mirs Bay occupied simultaneously, British residents in the Further East would feel more secure than they do.

SHANGHAI decrees medical inspection on steamers from Hongkong, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa Ports.

IN this issue we publish the concluding portion of Mr Foreman's *National Review* article on 'The Coming Partition of China.'

HON. T. Sercombe Smith, who was to have gone home on leave this month, will now be detained in the Colony as Acting Colonial Secretary until the return of Hon J. H. Stewart Lockhart from leave.

IRELAND defeated England in the International Rugby football match. Scotland, with a team of men almost entirely new to international honours, has now beaten Ireland at Belfast by a goal and a try to *nil*.

IT was reported in Shanghai, on the 22nd inst., that the French had been promised permission to extend the French Concession there, the extension to include the whole of the new Chinese land and site of the projected Chinese waterworks, on the far side of the native city.

THE Manager of the Hongkong Branch of The Straits Insurance Co., Limited, has received a telegram from the Head Office giving the following summary of the Company's accounts to be submitted at the next annual general meeting:—Net premium for year 1897, $742,000; amount carried forward from working account, 1897, to new account, $219,000. The sum of $110,00 has been withdrawn from Reserve Fund. Balance at credit of Profit and Loss, $345.

AT the Magistracy this afternoon, Commander Hastings part heard a case in which six Chinese were charged with keeping a common gaming house at No. 97 Bonham Strand. The Police entered the house on 23rd February and seized a lot of articles. It is alleged that this is an agency of the Wah Sing Lottery, of Macao, and that a large business is transacted on the premises. Mr H. L. Dennys, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted; Mr J. J. Francis (instructed by Messrs Deacon and Hastings) appeared for the defence.

In our correspondence columns will be found a letter from Mr Ho Tung, with reference to the late Dr U I Kai. Mr Ho Tung, recognising his worth, suggests a subscription for the late doctor's wife and family, and generously offers to contribute $100. The suggestion does Mr Ho Tung credit, and if it is taken up by those who knew the late Dr U I Kai, we shall be glad to open a public subscription list, and to make the usual acknowledgements from day to day. As Dr U I Kai's work brought him more generally into contact with the Chinese section of the community, we would not be surprised if Mr Ho Tung's suggestion were warmly supported by his fellow-citizens.

AT the Magistracy to-day, before Commander W. C. H. Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate, Kwok Sai, a hawker, was charged with having, on 16th inst., feloniously and unlawfully wounded his wife with intent to murder. The defendant came home to his house in Tung Man Lane on 16th inst., discovered a man in the house, and made an attack upon the pair with his knife. The sweetheart of the woman endeavoured to escape through a skylight, and was pursued along the roof by the prisoner, who lost his balance and toppled over on the top of a Post Office delivery coolie who was passing. The woman is still in hospital suffering from a stab in the head, and the case was remanded until her recovery.

VERY fine. New Waltz by A. G. Ward, 'Pearl of the East.'—Robinson Piano Company.

IT is reported from Deli (says the *Straits Times*) that the Royal Langkat Petroleum Company is negotiating, at Singapore, for the purchase of a tank steamer, measuring 1,600 tons. £30,000 is the price asked.

THERE is a deal of unconscious humour floating about Scotland. The other week, a man who pleaded guilty to stealing a watch was admonished by the Provost of the town, and seriously advised to—join the Gordon Highlanders.

WE understand (says the *N.-C. Daily News* of the 26th March), that a joint proclamation by the Senior Consul and the Taotai will be issued to-day declaring Hongkong, Swatow, Amoy, and Canto infected by plague and enforcing medical inspection on all vessels arriving from those ports.

THE *Kiangning* was sold by public auction by Messrs Hopkins, Dunn & Co., Shanghai, on the 25th March. The bidding commenced at Tls. 5,000 and was fairly spirited, the vessel being finally knocked down to Mr J. Prentice (Messrs Boyd & Co.) for Tls. 10,000.

IT is understood (says an exchange) a telegram has been received in India announcing that the Horse Guards have removed Lieutenant-Colonel Chaytor from the command of the Northamptonshire Regiment. This is evidently the result of the recent court of inquiry held on the handling of the regiment during recent frontier operations.

THE *Penang Gazette* of the 14th inst. says:—'A gloom has been cast over Taipong since noon yesterday when the announcement was made that Mrs Vane had died on Maxwell Hill. The deceased lady was the wife of Mr Vane, the State Auditor, and was well known in Singapore and in Federated Malays. She had been ailing for some time past, and came out about two months ago from Ceylon, where she had to break her journey from home. Much sympathy is felt for her husband.' The *Singapore Free Press* adds:—'Mrs Vane (who was much liked in Singapore society) was the daughter of Col. Watson, a well-known former resident of Ceylon, and was sister to Mr H. A. and C. H. Watson.'

THE CRISIS.

DEPARTURE OF WARSHIPS FROM HONGKONG.

Hongkong, March 29.

Considering the importance of the issues at stake and the possibilities involved by the past few days of warlike preparation it cannot be said that the public of Hongkong have displayed any spirit of panic, and it must be admitted that the British section of the community are regarding the drift of political events with a calmness and equanimity born of confidence in our insular strength and in the righteousness of our cause. In the military departments, there is no great display of unusual activity. Doubtless, Major-General Black has set his house in order, and is prepared for any eventualities; and the warlike preparations of the past few days have been confined almost exclusively to the naval departments. It is evident from the action of the Naval Commander-in-Chief that he has received instructions to make such a naval demonstration in the Gulf of Pechili as *The Times* suggests, the idea, of course, being to strengthen the hands of Sir Claude Macdonald in his difficult negotiations at Peking. What policy the British Government has resolved upon is not yet apparent. There is a belief prevalent in the Services that Great Britain is co-operating with Japan to secure the retention of Wei-hai-wei by the Japanese and if Russia persists in her designs on Port Arthur Great Britain will make a descent upon Talienwan. With Talienwan in our hands the Russian acquisition of Port Arthur, in a measure, would be neutralised. Speculation, however, is useless in the present state of affairs.

The only tangible fact known to us in Hongkong is the departure of the *Rainbow* this morning, ostensibly for Nagasaki. She was followed, later in the day, by the *Edgar*, and the two torpedo-boat destroyers, *Whiting* and *Fame*, have been alongside the torpedo depot at Kowloon receiving the finishing touches prior to their departure for the north.

It is stated that the No. 1 dock at Kowloon will be kept in readiness for the reception of H.M.S. *Victorious*, which may have to dock for a day or two before leaving for the north.

The German cruiser *Gefion* went out to-day for a cruise. The *Deutschland*, Prince Henry of Prussia's flagship, and H.M.S. *Centurion* have both being coaling to-day.

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

Shanghai, March 25.

The mission of H.E. Hsü Chingchêng to St. Petersburg to arrange the Port Arthur question has been a failure, and the Chinese Emperor has now designated T.E. Li Hung-chang and Chang Yin-hwan especially to confer with the Russian *Chargé d'Affaires* at Peking on Russia's demands. The Ambassador Hsü having failed in moving the Russian Foreign Office, it is very doubtful whether T. E. Li and Chang will do better at Peking.

News has been received from Chinese sources in the North that, acting under alleged instructions from Peking, General Sung, the Commandant at Port Arthur, had already begun moving his heavy baggage, guns, etc., from that stronghold, as though he were on the point of giving it up to Russia.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

Shanghai, March 26

H.M.S. *Daphne* arrived here yesterday to relieve H.M.S. *Pique*, which leaves immediately, probably to join the Admiral. The *Daphne* left Chemulpo on Wednesday last. When she left H.M. ships *Undaunted* and *Phœnix*, the Russian gunboat *Mandjour*, and a Japanese cruiser were in port. H.M.S. *Pigmy* was to leave Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

SCARE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Official and private telegrams were received yesterday from Chefoo announcing that the Chinese were flocking in there from Port Arthur, a large number of them being soldiers dressed as coolies.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

RUSSIA, COREA, AND JAPAN.

There seems to be an impression among those who are conversant with the set of the political currents in Japan, that Mr de Speyer's recent self-denying dispatch to the Emperor of Corea was really actuated by the desire to give Japan a sop which would induce her not to interfere with Russian operations in China. The only thing that the Franco-Russian alliance thinks it has to fear in the Far East is an offensive alliance between England and Japan. The latter has not yet brought either her army or her navy up to the standard she proposes for herself, but even her present forces are quite sufficient to keep the Russians out of China, and to carry the war to Vladivostock; and the English and Japanese fleets together could easily dominate the Pacific. It appears to Russia then to be of the utmost importance that she should conciliate Japan and prevent, if possible, her allying herself with England; and to do this, Mr de Speyer has been instructed to throw over Corea, and leave it for Japan to pick up. Our own impression was that it would be vain for Russia to spread such a net as this in the sight of such a wary old bird as Marquis Ito. But to this it is answered that Marquis Ito is not above taking to himself the credit, which he would get in Japan, of ousting Russia and re-establishing Japanese influence at Seoul. If there are unpleasant consequences hereafter, the wary Marquis will go out in a blaze of triumph, and allow these consequences to be shouldered by some mere ingenious statesman.

The programme is supposed to be, that China, with the aid of the loan just contracted with the Hongkong and Shanghai and Deutsch-Asiatische Banks, shall pay off Japan in May, and ask for the immediate evacuation, as agreed, of Weihaiwei by the Japanese. Russia will then ask for Waihaiwei, as the Cassini Convention allows her to do; and what Russia asks for, China has to grant sooner or later. Waihaiwei is a very much better naval station than Port Arthur. At the latter, in its present condition, there is only room for nine vessels altogether, while the largest fleet can ride in safety at Weihaiwei. Russia could draw at Talienwan and Weihaiwei, and with the whole of Manchuria in her grasp, will hold the keys of North China, and she can then, when the time comes, move down again on Corea and resume her influence at Seoul, where she will again be welcomed, unless Japan's treatment of the Koreans is very different from what it was after the late war.

The situation, if these surmises are correct, and we hope they are not, is a very serious one for England. The country is unanimous in its determination to protect freedom of trade with the whole of China, and it is understood that to safeguard this freedom of trade the independence and integrity of China must also be secured. Cabinet Ministers have been instructed to say that even at the cost of war England will protect her treaty rights over the whole of China; but there has been a tacit understanding that Japan might be relied on to back up England in this policy, while the United States would lend moral support. If Japan has allowed herself to be bought off as some think, the situation is seriously changed. It is not that England is not fully strong enough to enforce whatever decision her Foreign Office may be driven to take; but the loss of Japan's co-operation on land would be a sensible one. Whatever may be Lord Salisbury's official optimism, he knows that, as Mr A. J. Wilson puts it, our treaty rights are being recognised in form and undermined in reality. England or Russia has got to give way; the question, which it is to be, is distinctly complicated by Japan's attitude. The latest Japanese papers remain strongly in favour of an alliance with England, and it is to be hoped that those are wrong who think that Marquis Ito will dance to the new tune which Mr de Speyer has piped in Corea.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

BITTER CRY OF THE CHINESE CUSTOMS' STAFF.

The following is the Inspector-General's reply to the appeal, the text of which we published more than a month ago, says the *N.-C. Daily News*. There is not much sympathy or comfort in it for the sufferers, and it will be seen that at its date the appeal had not been laid before the Tsungli Yamên. It is to be hoped that the Staff will soon receive more cheering news; but meanwhile they are losing heart:—

Inspectorate General of Customs,
Peking, 13th January 1898.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your despatch No 1,942 of the 23rd December:

Appeal for readjustment of salaries from Foreign Staff in Customs forwarded:

and in reply have to state that I fully understand how the fall in exchange has affected all classes, and if I were myself in a position to give effect to my wishes salaries would be issued to all Europeans at the the rate of exchange which ruled when the Service was first established; power to act thus, as you very well know, is not in my hands, and as the fixed office allowance can only be increased after an Imperial Decree has given approval of a Yamên Memorial proposing such increase, it will be necessary to submit the matter to the Yamên, and this I shall presently do.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) ROBERT HART,
Inspector-General.

A. E. HIPPISLEY, Esq.,
Commissioner of Customs,
Tientsin.

THE contract for the electric tramway between Machiapu, the terminus of the Tientsin-Peking Railway, and the Yung-ting-gate of the capital—a distance of nearly two miles in length—has been given, according to a native report, to an Englishman by Governor Hu of Peking, and the materials for the new tramway, of course, have been ordered from England. The time set down for the completion of the tramway is six months after the signing of the contract.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

IN the House of Commons on the 26th February Mr Allan asked the Secretary to the Admiralty whether he could inform the House as to the utter breakdown of her Majesty's ship *Powerful*, necessitating her return home from China, and if it was the case that the capabilities and facilities of Hongkong Dockyard were totally inadequate to cope with such a case. Mr Macartney said he had no knowledge of the utter breakdown of her Majesty's ship *Powerful*. He had seen a statement in the Press, but he had no knowledge as to whether it was correct or otherwise. If the hon. gentleman wished for any information he had better put the question down for Monday.

THE inauguration of the proposed income tax on rents referred to in these columns the other day, has, it appears, reached Soochow, but in a somewhat modified form. The Board of Revenue ordered an assessment on the rents of all hired houses, whether used as dwelling houses, shops, or godowns. The Provincial Treasurer Nieh, however, has only assessed rents paid for business houses, shops, and godowns, exempting hired residences from the tax. Further the burden of the assessment is to be divided equally between landlord and tenant, instead of being borne by the landlord only as provided in the instructions of the Central Government.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

ACCORDING to dispatches received from Nanking, (says the *N.-C. Daily News*), the Viceroy Liu received last week an Imperial edict by telegraph calling upon him to issue instructions to his subordinates in charge of the salt and other likin stations throughout his jurisdiction bordering on the coast and the River banks, to close all these establishments in order to enable the Inspectorate of Imperial Maritime Customs to take charge of that portion of the revenues also by the 1st day of the 4th moon of the present year, i.e., the 20th of May, 1898. As there is an intercalary 3rd moon this year, the disestablished likin officials will have some seven weeks given them to close their establishments—a veritable period of grace to some of them.

A St. Petersburg telegram states that the *Yaroslav*, a steamship belonging to the Russian Volunteer Fleet, which was recently transporting several hundred convicts to the penal settlement in Saghalien, had a narrow escape from falling into the possession of these criminals, who had formed a plot for the massacre of the officers and crew, with the exception of the commander, whom they intended to spare in order that he might navigate the vessel to within sight of the Japanese coast, where they intended to kill him, too, before landing and making good their escape. The plot was, however, discovered in good time, owing to the disclosures made by one of the convicts, who had refused to take part in it.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

SCHOOL JOKE.—King of the Fijis: 'My wife has presented me with quadruplets—all girls.' His Prime Minister: 'That's what comes of eating that female missionary.'

THE P. & O. S. S. 'CHINA.'

We publish with pleasure the following letter, from Mr H. A. Ritchie, Superintendent of the P. & O. Company, as it sets at rest the question of salvage of the *China's* mails:—

29th March, 1898.

Dear Sir,—The following telegram has been received from the Company's Superintendent at Bombay:—

'*Carthage* left Perim evening of 27th March, with all passengers, Mails, specie and baggage ex *China*.'

A WRECK ON THE WEST RIVER.

A telegram was received in Hongkong on Sunday night announcing the wreck of the small river steamer *Ching Po* at To Shing on the West River, between Shui-hing and Wuchow. Only the barest details have come to hand, but as the telegram was despatched from Wuchow-fu on Saturday last (which shows how expeditious the telegraph service is at times) it is supposed the steamer struck a rock on Friday or Saturday, sustaining damages which render the salvage of her cargo doubtful. The cargo of cotton yarn will be a total loss. There were no passengers on board, and there was no loss of life. We believe the vessel was insured, but have been unable to ascertain if the cargo is also insured. The Foon Shun Co., of Hongkong are the owners. The *Ching Po* was a new vessel.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, March 27th, 1898.

THE REPORTS ON THE 'MAINE DISASTER.

The United States report on the *Maine* explosion, says that the explosion was external, and apparently caused by a submarine mine.

The report does not fix the responsibility. The Spanish report states that the explosion was internal.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The Washington Government has decided to inform Spain that the conditions of misery and starvation in Cuba have become intolerable, and that hostilities in the island must cease. War preparations in the United States continue. An unprecedented scare exists.

THE *TIMES* ON THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

The *Times* counsels an immediate powerful naval demonstration the Gulf of Pechili.

N B.—The words 'unprecedented scare' may apply to the situation in the Far East. (R. T. Co., Ltd.)

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

Oxford won by twelve lengths.

Oxford has now won 32 and Cambridge 22 races,—the 1877 contest being a dead-heat. The present makes the ninth successive win for Oxford, who won last year by 2½ lengths only. Twenty years ago, Oxford won by ten lengths, but in the interval there has been no similar disparity between the rival crews. The following were the crews when the mail left London:—

OXFORD.	st.	lb.
R. O. Pitman, New (bow)	10	7
2. G. O. Edwards, New	13	6½
3. C. K. Philips, New	12	1
4. F. J. Warre, Balliol	12	8
5. C. D. Burnell, Magdalen	13	10½
6. R. Carr, Magdalen	12	12
7. A. T. Herbert, Balliol	12	4½
H. G. Gold, Magdalen (stroke)	11	6½
H. R. K. Pechell, Brasenose (cox.)	8	2

CAMBRIDGE.	st.	lb.
W. B. Rennie, Emmanuel (bow)	11	5
2. A. S. Bell, Trinity Hall	11	13½
3. H. G. Brown, First Trinity	13	11
4. S. V. Pearson, Emmanuel	12	4
5. A. W. Swanston, Jesus	12	7
6. R. B. Etherington-Smith, First Trinity	12	11
7. C. J. D. Goldie, Third Trinity	12	0
C. M. Steele, Trinity Hall (stroke)	11	1½
E. C. Hawkins, Caius (cox)	8	7

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 29th at 11.40 a. Barometric changes are slight. Pressure is highest over the Pacific area with slight gradients on the China coast. Forecast:—light to moderate E. winds; fair.

LORD CROMER A POSSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTER.

A rumour is about that after the Khartoum business has been settled, Lord Cromer will retire from the post he has so long and brilliantly filled in Egypt. It is not surprising that upon this contingency, which is felt to be probable, conjecture should follow as to the sphere in which Lord Cromer's remarkable ability and experience would thenceforward be utilised for the benefit of his country. The idea has been mooted that upon his retirement, he would join the Cabinet and take over the reins of the Foreign Office from Lord Salisbury, whose desire to be relieved of at least part of the severe strains imposed upon him by his double responsibilities has more than once been suggested in political gossip. One of the difficulties about a change at the Foreign Office has been that of finding a successor capable of taking to the post that high intellectual, political and moral authority which has made Lord Salisbury the greatest Foreign Minister in Britain, if not in Europe, for this generation. It is not too much to say of Lord Cromer, that among living British statesmen no one of equal force and authority could aspire to succeed the illustrious Chief who now conducts our Foreign affairs.—*Overland Mail.*

First City Man: 'Did you act as a bull or a bear with regard to those mining shares?' Second Ditto (wistfully): 'I rather fancy that I must have taken the part of the donkey.'

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LATE DR U I KAI.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 28th March, 1898.

DEAR SIR,—I regret very much to learn through the medium of your paper the sad news of the death of Dr U I Kai. Personally, I know very little of the deceased doctor, but from what I have heard of him he was a very hard-working and kind-hearted gentleman.

I am not aware whether his widow and children are well provided for or not, but if his friends deem that a subscription is necessary, I shall be very glad to contribute the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the benefit of his family.

Thanking you in anticipation,—Yours faithfully,

HO TUNG.

THE BROUGH COMEDY COMPANY.

'A PAIR OF SPECTACLES'

—With the plot of 'A Pair of Spectacles' the large audience who attended the City Hall last night, and among whom our readers are comprised, were made perfectly familiar a few months ago, when local amateurs boldly tackled this most difficult piece, and, we are bound to say, did fairly well with it. They had not such a really capable 'Benjamin Goldfinch' as the character became in the hands of Mr Brough, who, by the way, has an entirely different conception of the part from that of the creator of it, Mr John Hare. Whatever the Broughs have done in Hongkong, they have done well, and yesterday evening's performance was no exception to the rule. The setting of the one scene used throughout was delightful, while the caste could not have been improved upon. Mrs Brough, in the small part of 'Mrs Goldfinch,' proved again—if any such proof were wanting—what a capable artiste she is, and how every part she undertakes has a distinct individuality of its own. Mr Shine as 'the man from Sheffield,' was in excellent form, and the major characters received all the attention necessary from Mr Brough's eleven supporters. Thursday night's—regrettable fact—will be the farewell performance of the Brough Company in Hongkong, a company universally admitted to be the very best that has ever entertained us from the stage of the City Hall.

A DISTINGUISHED ENTERTAINER.

VISIT OF CARL HERTZ.

On Saturday evening the Theatre Royal will no doubt be crowded by a representative audience to welcome Carl Hertz, who is universally admitted to be one of the greatest of present-day conjurors. There has been such a marked success associated with the name of the conjuror throughout the present tour that stamps his performances as something out of the common. Quite recently all Calcutta flocked to see Carl Hertz, in proof of which *The Englishman* says:—'Generally speaking all Calcutta has paid a visit to the Theatre Royal during the visit of the wonderful conjuror, Carl Hertz, and there are many who seem never to tire of the tricks and illusions that are performed with such amazing dexterity and ease. To others the humours of the stage are irresistible. The house is convulsed by the 'experiments,' of which the gentleman from the audience is the subject, albeit they are conducted with the utmost good-nature and courtesy. But there is something that appeals to the primitive instinct of mischief in the sight of a man suddenly springing from a chair that has given him an electric shock and naively rubbing the affected part. Equally amusing is the stare of blank astonishment with which the gentleman regards the handfuls of playing cards that are found secreted under his waistcoat, or his uncontrollable inclination to jump aside when the conjuror is about to fire a pistol at him. The audience roars with delight at the 'sold' look of the man who is privileged to hold the cage containing the living canary at the very moment when it vanishes into space, literally 'under his nose.' And hardly have the people recovered when they are thrown into hysteria by the production of a guinea-pig from somebody's coat collar in the middle of the house.' The management announce the opening of the box-plan to-morrow morning, when there will no doubt be a big demand for seats.

At the recent theatricals at Blenheim Palace the Duchess of Marlborough appeared as the Countess of Klondyke, and sang a song composed for the occasion. The four concluding verses ran as follows:—

Of course I saw the Jubilee,
It was a tiring function;
I saw the Queen, the Queen saw me,
And bowed with special unction.

State concerts, operas, and plays
Innumerable pleased me.
I intermingled nights with days,
Until the megrims seized me.

And now I've reached this distant isle,
I'll hope for peace and quiet,
It's possible that man is vile,
But there will be no riot.

Guarded by many a faithful tyke,
I'll cultivate my reason,
And save the fortune of Klondyke
Until another season.

This effort of the Duchess 'brought down the house.' Lady Randolph Churchill appeared on the same occasion as a female society reporter named Mrs Jubilee Junius. She also sang, the concluding verses of her song being these:—

No subject's too private for me,
I'll fall on a Duchess at tea;
The felon in gaol,
The millionaire's mail,
They're matter and money you see.

Now I'm here, you observe, on the job,
I know I'm a terrible snob,
But what does that matter?
The world demands chatter,
I write it at so much a bob.

The entertainment was given for the benefit of one of the churches at Woodstock.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, Mar. 29, 1898.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	...	29.96
Do.	1 P.M.	...	29.91
Do.	4 P.M.	...	29.86
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	...	73
Do.	1 P.M.	...	75
Do.	4 P.M.	...	76
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.		67
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Do.	Do. 4 P.M.		70
Do.	Maximum	...	78
Do.	Minimum (outside)		66

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP *SALAZIE*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex S.S. *Memphis* and *Cambodge*, and from Bordeaux ex S.S. *Ville de Valencienne*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 p.m., SUNDAY, the 27th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 4th April, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before MONDAY, the 4th April, or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 4th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 637

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *MOGUL*,
FROM PORTLAND, OR., YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents

Hongkong, March 24, 1898. 623

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *MANILA*.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From ITALY, ex s.s. *Sutlej*. From MADRAS, ex s.s. *Lood ana*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 595

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s S. S. *Oolong* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the undersigned before NOON, on the 29th March, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 29th March.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 29th March, will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

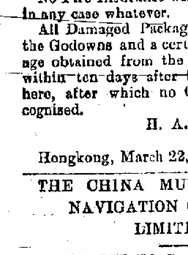
Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 602

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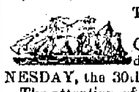
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FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.



The Co.'s Steamship
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Captain NELSON, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Inst., at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

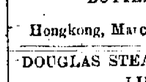
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for Return by the Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and *vice versâ*

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 26, 1898. 499

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.



The Co.'s steamship
Formosa,
Captain DOUGLAS, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 31st Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 28, 1898 639

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).



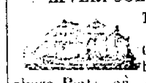
The Co.'s Steamship
Kaifong,
Captain WRIGHT, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 26, 1898. 633

FOR SINGAPORE, MARSEILLES, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(*Taking Cargo at through rates to* ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)



The Steamship
Ceres,
Captain TH. FOERCK, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, at 5 p.m.

For Freight, apply to
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Agents.

Hongkong, March 22, 1898. 545

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

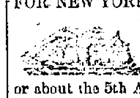


The Co.'s Steamship
Bardanus,
Captain GREGORY, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd April.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 17, 1898. 569

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship
Benalder,
POTTER, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th April.

To be followed by:—
S.S. *Clanerhill*, on or about 19th April.
S.S. *Merionethshire*, on or about 3rd May.
S.S. *Queen Margaret*, on or about 17th May.
S.S. *St Ninian*, on or about 31st May.
S.S. *Craigearn*, on or about 14th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 15 1898. 510

NOTICE.

FOR SYDNEY, *VIA* THURSDAY ISLAND AND TOWNSVILLE.



The British Steamship
Jacob Christensen,
Capt. J. B CARPENTER, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th April, at 3 p.m.

For Freight, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 593

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(*Calling at* PORT DARWIN *and* QUEENSLAND PORTS, *and taking through Cargo to* ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)



The Steamship
Memnair,
Captain MCARTHUR, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 9th April, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

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N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the China Navigation Company, and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 644

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship
Lennox
to be despatched for the above Ports on or about 16th April.

S.S. *Pathan*, to sail about 23rd April.
S.S. *Energie*, to sail about 5th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 25, 1898. 640

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



100 *A.1.* British Ship
Imberhorne,
LEVEN, Master, shortly expected here will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, March 19, 1898 583

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



The British Barque
West York,
W. L. FORSTER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1898. 481

Notices to Consignees.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, SOUTHAMPTON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S. S. *Kanagawa Maru*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO.'s Godown at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 p.m., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 30th Instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All Ship-Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company, and sent in to this Office within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, March 23, 1898. 617

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Monmouthshire*, Capt. EVANS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and damaged Goods, are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Instant, at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 22, 1898 603

Intimations.

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.
AT
39, *QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.*
CHADWICK KEW.
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Hongkong, July 12, 1897. 2586

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Hongkong, February 11, 1898. 86

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Hongkong, January 1, 1898 3

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NOTICE.

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Bayern	Wednesday	March 30.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	April 27.
Preussen	Wednesday	May 25.
Sachsen	Wednesday	June 22.
Bayern	Wednesday	July 20.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	August 17.
Darmstadt	Wednesday	Sept. 14.
Preussen	Wednesday	October 12.
Sachsen	Wednesday	November 9.
Bayern	Wednesday	December 7.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	Jan. 4, 1899.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1898, at 9 a.m., the Company's S. S. *BAYERN*, Captain E. PEHRS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 28th Instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, March 2, 1898. 450



STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *THAMES*, Captain S. BARCHAN, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 2nd April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 21, 1898 590

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
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ON SATURDAY, the 9th April, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *MELBOURNE*, Captain DUCHATEAU, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, without Transhipment.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 8th April. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1898. 640

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Amoy, S'hai, N'kl, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	FRIDAY,	April 1, at noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	TUESDAY,	April 19, at noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday,	May 10, at noon.

THE Co.'s Steam ship *GAELIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *vid* AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 1st April, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong March 29, 1898. 544

U. S. Mail Line.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

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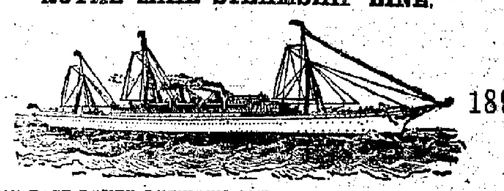
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NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

BRITISH POLICY IN CHINA.

London, March 2.—In the House of Commons last night Mr G. N. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs stated that negotiations were proceeding with Russia and Germany with regard to the occupation of places on the coast of China.

Russia was negotiating with Corea for the establishment of a coal depot at Deer Island, which commands the entrance to Fusan, and where the Japanese possess a similar depot. The late war between China and Japan disturbed the balance of power in the Far East. Russia, Germany, and France then established a lien on the gratitude of China. China had initiated the loan proposal, but the generous terms of the British offer did not prevent the suspicions of the Powers being raised, with the result that the Chinese Government withdrew from the negotiations. Britain had since, however obtained concessions without running any financial risks. Treaty rights entailed upon Britain the duty of opposing the granting by China of exclusive privileges to other nations, and of establishing equality of treatment as the basis of relations. The Government intended to maintain those relations and to uphold freedom of commerce.

SNOWDRIFTS IN PERSIA.

March 3.—Overwhelming snowdrifts have occurred at Teheran, in Persia, and also at Reshd, on the shores of the Caspian Sea. It is believed that fully 100 persons have perished.

SCULLING IN ENGLAND.

A sculling match over a half-mile course was rowed yesterday on the Tyne between James Wray, of New South Wales, and J. Haines, the English sculler, for £100 a side. Haines won easily by two lengths in 3 minutes 1 second.

A sculling match has been arranged to take place on the River Tees, on April 9, between T. Stephenson, of New Zealand, and W. A. Barry, of Wandsworth.

REVENUE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

March 4.—The estimates of the revenue departments of the Government show an increase of £710,479 in the revenue receipts for Febrary as compared with those for the corresponding month of last year.

THE BRITISH CIVIL SERVICE.

The Civil Service Estimates show an increase of £1,624,678 as compared with last year.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC AT MELBOURNE.

Melbourne, March 9.—A considerable outbreak of typhoid fever has taken place, and 438 cases with a large number of deaths have been recorded during the past fortnight.

A BRITISH WARSHIP AMONG THE ICEFLOES.

London, March 3.—Commander Wakeham, of H.M.S. *Diana*, who was sent to North America to investigate the question as to the navigability of Hudson Strait, between Labrador and Baffin's Land, has presented his report to the Admiralty authorities He states that the passage is blocked with ice during the month of June. The *Diana* was frequently jammed by icefloes, and it was with great difficulty that the vessel escaped destruction.

THE SOUDAN.

Maxwell Bey (Lieutenant-Colonel John G. Maxwell, D.S.O.) has been appointed to the command of the Soudanese brigade in Egypt.

THE CLERICAL OFFICE.

A bill has been read the second time in the House of Commons giving power to parishioners to object to the appointment of unfit nominees to the clerical office, and increasing the Bishop's power to refuse to license such nominees.

MARK TWAIN'S DEBTS.

Mark Twain, although legally not liable, has paid off his debts in connection with the firm of Messrs Webster and Co., of New York.

[Mark Twain's legal responsibility upon the obligations of Messrs Webster and Co. was extinguished when the affairs of that publishing firm were settled upon the basis of a payment of 10s in the £. Mark Twain assumed the moral obligation to pay the remainder.]

SITUATION IN UGANDA.

March 4.—The House of Commons has rejected a motion, brought forward by Mr H. Labouchere, M.P. for Northampton, to reduce the vote for the British protectorate in Uganda. Mr G. N. Curzon, exonerated Major R. L. Macdonald, the British officer in command, from blame in connection with the mutiny in the ranks of the Soudanese garrisons, and stated that the military organisation in the protectorate was free from the blemishes of the old regime.

THE CRETAN QUESTION.

Replying to a suggestion from Turkey that the Cretan question should be settled before the evacuation of Thessaly by the Turkish troops, Russia, Austria, and Italy have declared that the two questions are unconnected.

THE ITALIAN CONSTITUTION.

Italy is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Constitution Many political prisoners have been amnestied.

FRAUDULENT OPERATIONS IN THE MELBOURNE MINT.

Replying to a question from Mr Henniker Heaton, M.P. for Canterbury, in the House of Commons, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that her Majesty's Government did not intend to ask the Victorian Government to make good the amount lost to the Melbourne Mint through the defalcations of a former officer of the institution.

[Ernest Duley, one of the leading officers of the Melbourne Mint, received a sentence of two years' imprisonment last year for stealing the sum of £900 from that institution by means of fraudulent operations in worn silver coin which was immediately under his control. Though the charge was only that of the larceny of £900, it was generally believed that Duley's defalcations amounted to some thousands of pounds.]

AFRICA.

The Paris *Temps* claims on behalf of France the effective possession of the greater portion of the territory comprised within the triangle between the Niger, the meridian of Say, and the ninth degree of latitude.

Major Gibbons, who commands a British exploring party to examine the sources of the Congo and the Zambesi Rivers, in Africa, has undertaken work on behalf of the Government. He will build two steam launches for use on the Zambesi. Several scientists and military officers will accompany the expedition, which leaves England in April.

CABLE FROM THE CAPE TO ADELAIDE.

Replying in the House of Commons last night to questions respecting the recent delays in the transmission of cables between England and Australia, Mr R. W. Hanbury, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, pointed out that the interruptions had occurred on the Australian land lines, but the cable companies had just made an important proposal which would obviate the existing cause of breakdowns, by extending the proposed Cape cable from Albany to Adelaide. This proposal, Mr Hanbury added, would be fully considered by the colonies.

Mr Hanbury's statement satisfied his questioners, as indicating the desire of the cable companies to meet public requirements.

The committee appointed to consider the proposal to lay a cable from Cape Colony to Australia will meet on the 8th March.

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAYS AND TELEGRAPHS.

March 3.—The Governor of Newfoundland (Sir Herbert Murray) has declined to assent to the contract entered into by the Government for the transfer of the railway and telegraph systems of the colony to Mr R. G. Reid, the well-known contractor of Montreal, pending the approval of the Imperial Government being obtained. The Government objects to the action of the Governor, and a deadlock has occurred. The Government accuses the Governor of straining the powers of his position

March 4.—The Governor of Newfoundland has signed the contract. The deadlock which arose in consequence of the refusal of the Governor to sanction the contract has consequently terminated.

BILLIARD EXPERIMENTS.

VARIATIONS OF THE SPOT STROKE.

As was stated in the *Daily Mail* a day or so ago, the members of the Billiard Association Committee have been discussing the advisability of practically abolishing the spot shot by using the pyramid spot in every case after two successive ordinary spots have been played.

To put this proposed innovation to a practical test, a leading member of the association offered £10 to the player who could make the largest number of spot strokes under the proposed new rule.

This competition was decided in the vicinity of Soho-square, Peall, Spiller, Memmott, Weiss, Harverson, and Stevenson being the competitors, and W. Cook, son of the old champion, referee. After a keen contest, Peall, Memmott, and Stevenson tied with fifteen strokes each. In the 'play-off,' however, Stevenson outdistanced his opponents, and won easily by putting the red down thirty-three times in succession

With one of the players scoring so many times at what was, practically, the first time of asking, it is evident that practice would make this stroke as easy, if not as monotonous as the regular spot shot The advisability of such a change as that at present advocated is therefore questionable; in fact, it is considered probable that after the necessary experiments have been made, the middle spot, and not the pyramid, will be utilised.

SCHOOLBOY SLIPS.

Recently *Truth* offered a prize for the best authentic blunder made by a schoolboy. The following are some of those sent in:—

Henry VIII. was brave, corpulent, and cruel; he was frequently married, before his death, to a widow; had an ulcer in his leg and great decision of character.

The British Constitution is what you may call a sound one, but on account of its insolent position it suffers from fogs.

A schoolboy, being questioned relative to Adam, was asked how Adam knew everything. 'I suppose his mother told him,' he replied.

Schoolmaster: 'Why was Jerusalem surrounded with walls?' Boy (after a careful pause): 'To keep out the milk and honey.'

What were the last words of Charles I.? He held up his head and said, 'This is the head of a traitor!'

What was the use of the Cities of Refuge? —They were used by those who had unintentionally committed suicide.

Bombay is built in a hollow surrounded by hills, and the climate is such that the inhabitants are compelled to live elsewhere.

A boy, asked what manna was, said, 'Please, sir, it's taking your cap off to master and missus.'

We know that St Peter was crucified with his head downwards, because he mentions it in several of his epistles.

Methuselah was the longest man that ever lived.

Austria is watered by the Danube and its tribulations.

What was the Salic law?—A law which forbade any one coming to the throne whose mother wasn't a woman.

At a Board school in London the other day, the children were set an essay on 'Kindness to Animals,' and one girl wrote: 'It is cruel to cut off dogs' tails, as some wicked men do, for what God has joined together no man must put asunder.'

A small child of 8, when asked, 'What did your godfathers and godmothers do for you?' promptly replied, 'They did promise and vow three things in my name. First, that I should renounce the devil and all the commandments.'

THE *Po Wen Pao* states that in Ma Ping district in the perfect of Linchou, Kuangsi, a large number of disaffected natives formed a secret society called the 'Ying Sung Hui' or Society of the Braves. The officer at the military station there was attacked and killed, and insurgents were advancing upon the division of Santu. The Governor has dispatched troops there with all haste, and it is believed that the outbreak will be eradicated with little difficulty.

SIR Robert Ball has an amusing story of a meteorite which fell on an American farm. It was claimed by the ground landlord, because the lease reserved to him all minerals and metals on the land. It was also claimed by the tenant on the score that it was not in the ground when the lease was made. The landlord then requited it as 'flying game.' The tenant however, pleaded that it had neither wings nor feathers, and asserted his right to it as ground game. While the dispute was raging the revenue officers seized it as an article which had been introduced into the country without payment of duty.

Hongkong Tides

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. the height given in the table.

30th March to 5th April.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Wed.	30	No inferior 1 9 a	high- 3 10	nor low- 10 50 a	water. —0 1
Thur.	31	No inferior 2 37 a	high- 3 8	nor low- 11 50 a	water. —0 5
Fri.	1	No inferior 5 50 a	high- [illegible]	nor low-	water.
Sat.	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun.	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mon.	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tue.	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Wl'ostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	30.16	—	—	N	2	—	—
Kochi	29.99	—	—	SE	4	—	—
Nagasaki	29.95	—	—	—	0	—	—
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Gutzlaff	29.97	60	75	SE	1	om	—
Sharp Pk.	29.91	62	77	—	0	c	—
Amoy	29.95	66	72	SE	3	b	—
Swatow	—	—	—	ESE	3	o	—
Canton	29.90	75	86	—	0	—	—
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Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ENE	1	—	—
Gap Rock	29.90	—	—	E	4	—	—
Macao	29.91	73	—	ESE	1	c	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bolinao	29.80	86	74	NNW	1	b	—
Manila	29.80	90	65	NE	4	b	—
C. St. James	—	—	—	NE	6	b	—

March 29th.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	30.04	53	93	SE	3	cm	—
Sharp Pk.	30.02	62	8[illegible]	—	0	o	—
Amoy	30.03	68	89	SE	1	o	—
Swatow	—	—	—	NE	2	bf	—
Canton	29.98	7[illegible]	90	—	0	—	—
Hongkong	30.0[illegible]	70	80	E	4	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	SE	1	—	—
Gap Rock	30.0[illegible]	—	—	E	2	—	—
Macao	30.01	73	—	SE	1	o	—
Haiphong	29.96	72	89	—	0	c	—
Bolinao	29.9[illegible]	8[illegible]	7[illegible]	SE	2	b	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James	—	—	—	NE	6	b	—

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Hongkong Observatory, March 29, 1898.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).
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Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1805	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Nagasaki
Archer	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comdr. C. J. Kingsmill	Singapore
Barfleur	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Capt. R. N. Custance	Nagasaki
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie	en route
Centurion*	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Jellicoe	Hongkong
Daphne	sloop	1150	8	2000	Commander Galloway	Shanghai
Edgar	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Capt. J. R. Bridson	Hongkong
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Woosung
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. A. Gillett	Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	360	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Hongkong
Gibraltar	cruiser, 1st class	7700	12	12,000	Capt. H. F. Hughes-Hallett	en route
Grafton†	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Port Hamilton
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Commander Granshore	Hongkong
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Hongkong
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Port Hamilton
Linnet	gunboat, 2nd class	756	2	870	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Hongkong
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Comdr. W. C. C. Forsyth	Nagasaki
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200		Hongkong
Phœnix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. Cochrane	Chemulpo
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Corry	Shanghai
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Singapore
Powerful	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Capt. Hon. H. Lambton	Nagasaki
Rainbow	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. V. A. Tisdall	Hongkong
Rattler	gunboat, 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hakodate
Redpole	gunboat, 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut. C. P. R. Coode	Swatow
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Lieut. S. Beaumont	Borneo
Tamar	receiving ship	2047	—	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200		Hongkong
Undaunted	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Chemulpo
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5157	14	—		Hongkong
Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Capt. A. Schomberg	en route
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	4000	Lieut. Barton	Hongkong
Wivern	coastdefenceship, armoured	2750	4	1000		Hongkong

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	5500	18	9000	Captain Moles	Port Arthur
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenago	Vladivostock
Arcona	German cruiser	1040	8	2930	Captain Becker	Kiaochau
Argos	Spanish gunboat	508	2	600	Commander R. Cabezas	Manila
Aspic	French gunboat	473	3	450	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	6500	12	4500	Captain Joannet	Along Bay
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	400	6	400	Lt.-Comdr. Marques	Macao
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Shanghai
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3700	Captain F. Wildes	Hongkong
Bruix	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Parfait	en route
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3260	6	4400	Capt. A. Martin de Oliva	Manila
Cebu	Spanish troopship	532	2	600	Lieut. A. Barrera	Manila
Comète	French gunboat	495	3	600	Lieut. Simon	Saigon
Concord	U. S. cruiser	—	—	—	Com. A. Walker	Hongkong
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2000	Capt. Brussatis	Kiaochau
Descartes	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Capt. Philibert	Hoihow
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	—	8000	Captain Plachte	Hongkong
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Witthofft	Nagasaki
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	1523	Com. E. Robion	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	4	1600	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Shanghai
Elcano	Spanish gunboat	560	3	600	Lieut.-Com. F. Escudero	Manila
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikff	—
Gefion	German 2nd class cruiser	4109	10	9000	Captain Follenius	Hongkong
General Alava	Spanish troopship	1200	2	1000	Capt. R. Rodriguez Trujillo	Manila
General Lezo	Spanish gunboat	520	3	600	Lieut.-Com. R. Benavente	Manila
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Capt. Bouchanoff	Nagasaki
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1988	Commander Swinburne	en route
Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	2930	Commander du Bois	Amoy
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Isla de Luzon	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2200	Commander P. Barreto	Manila
Jean Bart	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thesmar	Along Bay
Kaiser	German flagship	7077	15	5700	Captain Zeye	Kiaochau
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	20	14,000	Captain Koellner	Hongkong
Koreijetz	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Captain Lindestroem	Yokohama
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1542	2	1600	Captain Isivinsk	Shanghai
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Com. C. d'Athaydo	Macao
Manila	Spanish transport	1900	2	750	Lieut.-Com. J. J. Ozamis	Manila
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kachaloff	Chemulpo
Marques del Duero	Spanish gunboat	500	3	550	Lt.-Com. S. Morens de Guerra	Manila
Moeve	German gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Marten	Matupi
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	850	Com. O. W. Farenholt	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	1487	—	—	Captain Incoronato	Hongkong
Navarin	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	4	—	Captain Feniche	Nagasaki
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5870	14	17,363	Captain Gridley	Hongkong
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Captain Coprianoff	Nagasaki
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6000	15	6000	Captain Vireenius	Port Arthur
Panther	Austrian cruiser	1540	2	6000	Commander Baron Dechan	Saigon
Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Captain de Brétizel	Along Bay
Petrel	U. S. gunboat	892	4	1092	Commander E. R. Wood	Hongkong
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	12	8000	Captain Thiele	Kiaochau
Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3500	6	3950	Captain L. Cadarso	Amoy
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3200	11	10,000	Comdr. Coghlan	Hongkong
Rossia	Russian cruiser	12,200	—	—	Captain Domojiroff	Nagasaki
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,923	26	13,250	Comdr. Rodionoff	Port Arthur
Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1128	Captain Barranoff	Vladivostock
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Sivoutch	Russian cruiser	950	2	1120	Captain Astromoff	Nagasaki
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain de Plessix	Saigon
Vauban	French flagship	—	—	—	Captain Boutet	en route
Velasco	Spanish gunboat	1152	3	1500	Commander F. Reboul	Manila
Vladimir Monomach	Russian armoured cruiser	[illegible]	16	7000	—	Singapore
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Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 100, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 110, buyers
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	3,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 110, sellers
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	3,000	$ 25	$ 25	$28
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	3,000	Tls. 500	Tls 500	Tls. 515

* Founder's shares.

Loans.	*Amount.*	*Value.*	*Interest.*	*Quotations.*
Chinese Imperial 1896	Tls. 10,000,000	Tls. 980	7 % annum	100 % prem.

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